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(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement giving the following details :—

(i) the nature of renovations;

(ii) the financial position of the institutions; and

(iii) the method to carry out the renovations, etc.?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes. Particulars of religious institutions the buildings of which require repairs or reconstruction are being collected. The Government are awaiting a detailed report from the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

ELECTION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the House Committee for the financial year 1955–56 :—

' 1 Sri V. V. Ramaswami.

2 ,, G. Krishnamoorthi.

3 ,, M. Ethirajulu.

4 ,, E. H. Parameswaran.

5 ,, T. M. Daivasikamani Achariar.

6 ,, A. Gajapathy Nayagar.'

" As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

" In addition to the above, under rule 171 (1) of the Madras Council Rules, I nominate the following two members to be members of the said Committee :—

' 1. Mrs. Mary C. Clubwala Jadhav.

2 Mrs. Jothi Vencatachellum.' "

III. GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That the Hon. the Chairman be requested to convey to Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar, B.A., M.L., on his laying down of the office of the Secretary to the State Legislature, Madras, this House's sincere appreciation of his distinguished and outstanding services as Secretary to this Legislature during the years* 1924 *to* 1941 *and* 1952 *to* 1955.'